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For: A METHOD OF	)	
MANUFACTURING A RIGID	)	
INTERNAL GEAR OF A WAVE	)	
GEAR DEVICE	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please enter the following amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-14.

Please amend claims 17 and 18 as follows:

17. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a rigid internal gear according to Claim 15, wherein a gear cutting process for forming the internal teeth on the tooth-forming ring is performed after the tooth-forming ring is integrated with the main gear ring.